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In re Application of
Kersti STRANDQVIST
Application No.: 09/699,451
PCT No.: PCT/SE99/00627
Int. Filing Date: 20 April 1999
Priority Date: 28 April 1998
Attorney's Docket No.: P15484US00
For: ABSORBENT STRUCTURE HAVING
IMPROVED ABSORPTION PROPERTIES

DECISION ON

PETITION UNDER

37 CFR 1.137(b)

This is in response to "Petition to Revive Unintentionally Abandoned Application Under 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b)" filed on 31 October 2000.

BACKGROUND

On 20 April 1999, this international application was filed, which claimed an earliest priority date of 28 April 1998.

A Demand was filed on 11 November 1999 for the above international application. Accordingly, the deadline for paying the basic national fee in the United States under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.495 was 30 October 2000 (the 28th being a Saturday). This international application became abandoned with respect to the United States at midnight on 30 October 2000 for failure pay the basic national fee.

On 31 October 2000, applicant filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) the instant petition, and a transmittal letter for entry into the national stage in the U.S. under 35 U.S.C. 371, which was accompanied by, *inter alia*, the U.S. basic national fee, and an executed declaration.

DISCUSSION

A grantable petition to revive an abandoned application under 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by (1) the required reply, unless previously filed; (2) the petition fee as set forth in § 1.17(m); and (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to this paragraph was unintentional; and (4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in § 1.20 (d)) required pursuant to paragraph (c) of this section.

Petitioner has provided: (1) the proper reply by submitting the basic national filing fee, (2) the petition fee set forth in §1.17(m) and (3) the proper statement under 137(b)(3). In this application, no terminal disclaimer is required.

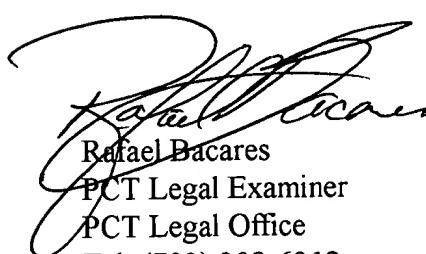
Accordingly, the petition is deemed to satisfy requirements (1), (2), (3), and (4) under 37 CFR 1.137(b).

DECISION

The petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is **GRANTED**.

This application is being returned to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) for continued processing. The 35 USC 371 date of this application is **31 October 2001**.

The required fees of \$130.00 (the surcharge under 1.492(e) for late filing of the declaration) has been charged to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 as authorized in the petition.



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